

I am in agreement with most of this proposal except that the 5 wpm Element 1 Morse Proficiency exam needs to remain an absolute requirement for the General and Extra classes of license. The Element 1 exam should not be averaged in with the written exam. If this proposal is adopted, I ask that the stand-alone Element 1 exam remain in place as is for the General and Extra classes.

I am totally against eliminating Morse code proficiency testing for the General and Extra class licenses, but I am all for granting the Technician class licensees limited HF phone, CW and data privileges. Limited HF privileges for Technicians would encourage many Technicians to learn CW and upgrade to General and Extra.

Respectfully Yours,

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